



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"Lord, make me a instrument of your peace." —St. Francis

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May 3, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Good Shepherd Sunday

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.
R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.
Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.
R/. Now and forever. Amen.
9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"
Mass Book page 63.

READING I - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 23:1-2a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.
R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.
R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READING 2 - 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Priest/Lector: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This is the gosepl of the Lord.

R./Praise be to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O'er Death Victorious"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Shepherd Me, O God"

RECESSIONAL -
"Sanctuary"



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

Our faith in God can be a source of comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead. Pray for yourself, your loved ones, health care professionals and the needs of those who are ill, by praying the prayer below.

A PRAYER for HEALING...Sacred Heart of Jesus Protect Us!

Most sacred heart of Jesus, you care for us and provide us with everything we need. You shower us with your love and mercy. You send people into our lives to help care for us, especially in time of sickness or pain.

Help us to experience your presence in the midst of the uncertainties of the coming days and weeks. Heal those infected with the coronavirus and restore them to health.

Ease the suffering of those who are dying and welcome into your kingdom those who have died.

Give strength to health care professionals and give them your wisdom in their search for a cure. Strengthen our faith that we might be filled with hope in you. Give us patience that we might accept our own limitations. Help us know we are not alone, that you walk with us each moment of our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in your grace and blessings in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of your presence in the life to come. We make this prayer in your name, Jesus, for you are our Risen Lord. Amen.

~Sacred Heart Southern Missions

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

For the Health & Safety of Our First Responders during the Pandemic: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, please watch over and keep safe those who respond first to our needs, doctors, nurses, EMTs, orderlies and LPNs, as well as those who risk their lives every day to serve us, firemen & women cashiers, truck drivers, delivery personnel, government officials, fast food and restaurant employees, etc. We ask especially for our own at St. Francis Parish, Sandras Darbouze & Lillian Zaradich, RNs; Lillyan Tobon's niece, Jessica Arrubla, NYPD; Linda Frysztacki's daughter-in-law, Karlye Frysztaski and her sisters, RNs.

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Toni Panico, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Donna Dumas, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions, especially for those who have passed from the coronavirus:

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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ST. PHILIP and ST. JAMES (first century) May 3

St. Philip was born at Bethsaida in Galilee. He was one of the apostles and a disciple of John the Baptist. Philip heard the call of Jesus, "Follow me," and accompanied Jesus on his public ministry. He is mentioned in St. John's Gospel, and invited the apostle, Bartholomew, to come and see Christ. At the Last Supper he said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough."

According to tradition, Philip was present with the apostles who spent ten days waiting in the upper room in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After the death of Christ, Philip preached the Gospel in Phrygia, Asia Minor. He was martyred at Hierapolis by soldiers loyal to Emperor Domitian.

St. James, also known as James the Less, was one of the twelve apostles and is called "the son of Alphaeus" and "the brother of the Lord" in the Gospels. It is assumed, however, that he was most likely a cousin of Jesus. He is believed to be the author of the Epistle of St. James in the New Testament.

James was appointed the Bishop of Jerusalem and was present at the Council of Jerusalem. He was also present with the apostles in the upper room awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. James remained in Jerusalem after Pentecost and was stoned to death there in 62.

Their prayer: O God, give us faith through the words of your apostles. Amen.